

WOODLAND WARD

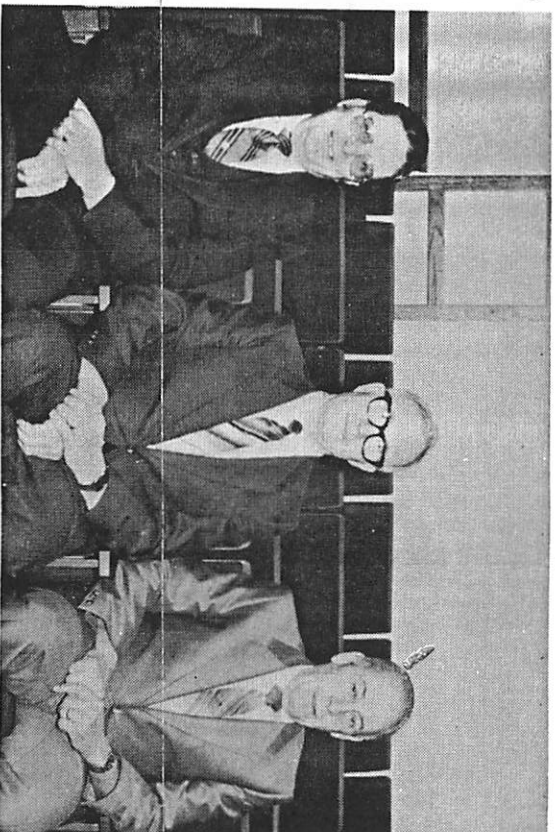
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Brigham Young sent ten families in 1867 to settle the valley between the Provo and Weber Rivers. This first group of pioneers included: William Riley Green, Than Galloway, George Fraughton, James Lewis, Heber Mitchell, Henry Moon, John J. Thayne, Samuel Gines, Thomas Potts, and George Ellis. Upon their arrival they cleared the land of brush and trees, tilled the ground, set up saw mills to cut lumber, built log cabins, and fenced each homestead with poles. Five more families settled in 1868. James Lewis wrote in his journal:

Who would be interested in a description of this unsettled valley? No Church, No school buildings; it was part of Kamas Ward--a sort of string settlement along the upper Provo River. On the south bench, Bench Creek, and on the north, the Kamas Bench. The river bottom between the two benches was a wild tangle of wood: tag alder, cottonwood, willows, kinnicki-nick, with hop vines clinging to them. There was wild berries, fish in the river, and wild game for food. The rising mountains south and north with their decorations of pines, aspen, oak, and green grass, it would be truthfully termed a beautiful valley. The buttercups, mountain lily, sego lily, larkspur, and a wild rose blooming in June add lasting beauty.

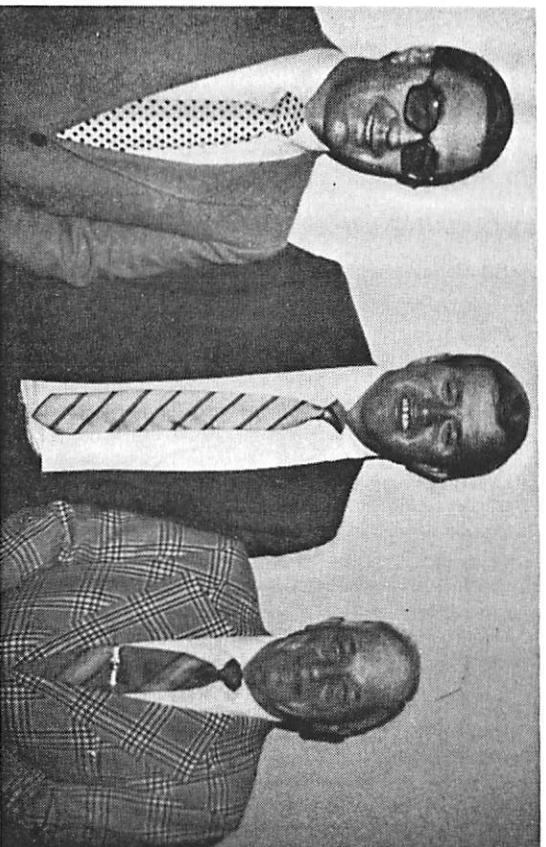
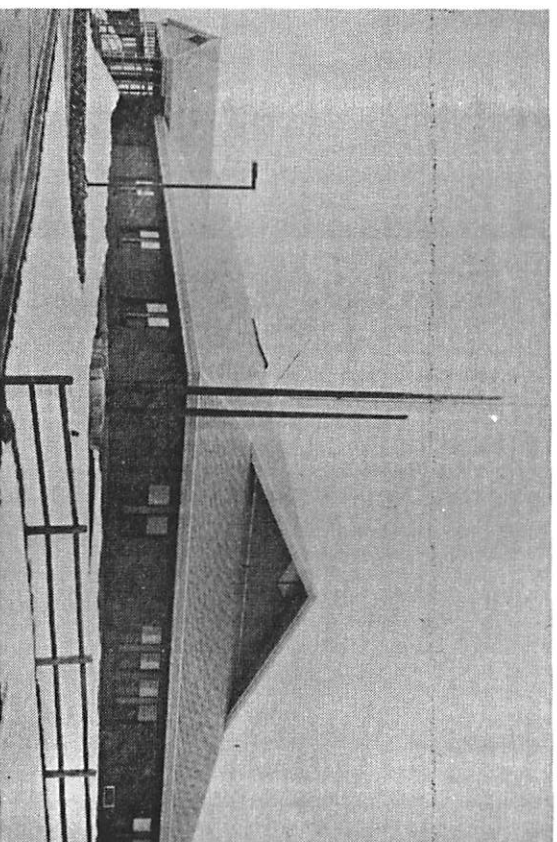
Near the hill where the Kamas Bench runs out, there is a strip of river bottom along side the Kamas Bench running East and West which is covered with sage brush, aspen trees and oak brush; some choke cherries and haws near the East, and also some meadow land.

Schools were a concern for the ever growing community. Miss Tillie Young taught school in half of George Fraughton's home, which had been prepared as a schoolroom. A second school house, built of logs, was also used for entertainment. Mrs. Keeler taught in this school. Two more schools, the Upper and the Lower, were built; they were moved together in 1890. A three-room, cement block school house was built by John Salmon



Bishop Wright (center) and counselors, James R. Milliner (l) and Gordon Lavan Walker (r).

Chapel dedicated by Elder Russell M. Ballard 13 April 1986.



Bishop Dale L. Fuelling (center) and counselors Richard A. Jorgenson (l) and Dayton Rafi (r) were sustained 27 July 1986.

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